

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
WESTERN DIVISION  
5:17-cv-616-BR

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, *ex rel.*,  
SANTHOSH REDDY DEVARAPALLY,  
M.D., BRINGING THIS ACTION ON  
BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA, AND THE STATE OF  
NORTH CAROLINA,

Plaintiff,

v.

FERNCREEK CARDIOLOGY, P.A., a  
North Carolina Professional Association, ,  
MATTHEW A. DAKA, M.D.,  
SELVARATNAM SINNA, M.D. SURIYA  
BANDARA JAYAWARDENA, M.D.,  
MANESH THOMAS, M.D.,

Defendants,

**ORDER ALLOWING  
DEFENDANTS' JOINT MOTION  
TO PERMIT PHYSICIAN  
DEFENDANTS TO RETAIN CELL  
PHONES WHILE IN THE UNITED  
STATES COURTHOUSE**

**THIS MATTER** comes before the Court on Defendants' Joint Motion to Permit Physician Defendants to Retain Cell Phones While in the United States Courthouse during the Court hosted mediation conference scheduled in this matter for June 14, 2025.

For good cause shown, and in consideration of the facts that the Defendants are here for a mediation and their professional responsibilities as physicians, the Court GRANTS the Motion and ORDERS:

- a. Defendants Matthew A. Daka, M.D., Selvaratnam Sinna, M.D., And Suriya Bandara Jayawardena, M.D. shall be permitted to retain possession of their cell phones while in the federal courthouse on June 14. 2025.
- b. Defendants shall keep their phones on silent or vibrate mode at all times; shall refrain from recording, photographing, videotaping, or broadcasting from their phones within the courthouse, and shall comply with all directions from court security personnel and the U.S. Marshals Service.

Dated: June 4, 2025



Robert T. Numbers, II  
United States Magistrate Judge